



January 16, 2004

Mr. Les Grober
Mr. Eric Oppenheimer
Regional Water Quality Control Board Members
Central Valley Region
3443 Routier Road, Suite A
Sacramento, California 95827

Re: Oakdale Irrigation District Comments on the Basin Plan Amendment for the Control of Salt and Boron Discharges into the San Joaquin River

Dear Mr. Grober, Mr. Oppenheimer, and Regional Board Members:

The Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) has read and concurs with the comments submitted by the Turlock Irrigation District and those of the San Joaquin Tributaries Association, of which we are a member. As an irrigation district within the San Joaquin River Basin we have very similar concerns with the amendments proposed in the Water Quality Control Plan for the control of salt and boron. Unfortunately our technical staff, which is one (1) in number, has been overwhelmed in meeting the NPDES permit for aquatic pesticides deadlines; preparing to meet the Conditional Ag Waiver requirements for the April 1 deliverables and now this, the salt and boron issue and associated Basin Plan Amendment.

Regrettably we have little to offer beyond what has been prepared by the aforementioned agencies. We respectfully request that you give full consideration and weight to the issues raised in their submittals.

Sincerely,

OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Steve Knell, P.E.
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